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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: APPOINTMENT FOR FINANCE MINISTER KLEPPE WITH SECRETARY SIMON

REF: OSLO 4219

1. FINANCE MINISTER KLEPPE ADVISES THAT NORWEGIAN AMBASSADOR IN WASHINGTON SOMMERFELDT IS SEEKING APPOINTMENT FOR HIM DURING IMF/IBRD MEETING WITH TREASURY SECRETARY SIMON. I STRONGLY URGE THAT SECRETARY SIMON SEE KLEPPE TO CONVINCE HIM OF IMPORTANCE OF FULL NORWEGIAN PARTICIPATION IN INTERNATIONAL ENERGY PROGRAM (IEP) AND TO LAY GROUNDWORK FOR INVESTMENT IN THE U.S. OF NORWEGIAN OIL REVENUE (SEE ALSO OSLO 4219).

2. KLEPPE IS PROBABLY SINGLE MOST INFLUENTIAL MINISTER IN
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NORWEGIAN CABINET AND, WHILE WE UNDERSTAND HE OPPOSES FULL

NORWEGIAN PARTICIPATION IN IEP, WE BELIEVE THAT, IF WE CAN CONVINCE HIM OF ITS IMPORTANCE, WE MAY BE ABLE TO BRING HIM AROUND. PRELIMINARY REACTION AMONG CERTAIN KEY NORWEGIAN OFFICIALS TO RECENT SPEECHES GIVEN AT U.N. BY HIGH U.S. OFFICIALS IS HEIGHTENED CONCERN THAT IEP WILL BE USED AS AN INSTRUMENT OF CONFRONTATION WITH OPEC COUNTRIES. NORWAY HAS NO INTENTION OF JOINING OPEC, BUT SEES ITSELF AS AN HONEST BROKER BETWEEN PRODUCER AND CONSUMER COUNTRIES WITH A FOOT IN BOTH CAMPS. SECRETARY GENERAL MULLER IN MINISTRY RESPONSIBLE FOR OIL AND GAS HAS TOLD EMBASSY THAT RECENT U.S. SPEECHES IN U.N. HAVE CAUSED SWEDES TO LOSE INTEREST IN IEP PARTICIPATION. WHETHER THIS IS ACCURATE OR NOT, SPEECHES WILL PROBABLY MAKE NORWEGIAN ACCEPTANCE OF FULL PARTICIPATION MORE DIFFICULT. WE BELIEVE THIS INCREASES IMPORTANCE OF DOING EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO ENLIST KLEPPE'S SUPPORT.

3. KLEPPE IS ARRIVING IN WASHINGTON FROM NEW YORK ON SATURDAY NIGHT SEPTEMBER 28 AND WILL BE THERE THROUGH OCTOBER 4. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE BEING ADVISED IF SECRETARY SIMON WILL SEE HIM AND RECEIVING A REPORT OF THE MEETING.
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